

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes. Preliminary works are in progress.

(b) Yes.

(c) Total 8,000 acres.

(a) Flow Irrigation ... 3500 acres.

(b) Lift Irrigation ... 4500 acres.

(d) There is no proposal of construction of Right Bank Channel in the sanctioned Project.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಮಾದೇಗೌಡ.—ನನ್ನ ಮೊದಲನೇ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಯಲ್ಲಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆ ಮಂಜೂರು ಆದದ್ದು ಯಾವಾಗ ಮತ್ತು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಖರ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ತಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಈ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್ ಅಪ್ರೂವ್ ಆದದ್ದು ೨ನೇ ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ೧೯೭೭ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಟ್ಟು ೩೫ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಅಂದಾಜು. ನಾವು ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ್ದು ಇದೆ.

MR. Speaker.—The other Questions in the list of Questions and Answers are held over. The Hon'ble Chief Minister is making a statement now.

News about

Demise of Sri Jayaprakash Narain, the National Leader

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I am sorry to depart from the main subject I have just now received the sad news of the demise of our revered Leader of this Nation Sri Jayaprakash Narayanaji. It is a sad news indeed. Yesterday I was absent from this House,

1-30 P.M.

Only yesterday, this august House was pleased to pass a resolution praying for speedy recovery of Sri Jayaprakash Narayan. Perhaps, God wills otherwise; and he is no more with us. It is a news which deeply shocked and pained all of us. In reverence and respect to the departed soul I would suggest that we may adjourn for the day as a mark of respect.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Mr. Speaker Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by our Hon. Chief Minister. We have lost a great soul. I cannot speak and I am unable to utter any words. But I only pray that the great soul rest in peace and also I pray that the House be adjourned for the day as a mark of respect.

MR. SPEAKER.—I request all the Members to rise and observe silence for two minutes as a mark of respect for the departed soul.

The House adjourned at Thirty Four Minutes past One of the Clock.

The House reassembled at Thirty Minutes past Five of the Clock.

(MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR)

ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. SPEAKER.—I very much regret the circumstances under which the House was adjourned at about 1-45 P.M. to-day. After the adjournment of the House, it was announced over the A.I.R. that the earlier news conveying the demise of Sri Jayaprakash Narayanji is not correct. This news is most comforting to one and all, although his condition is stated to be still bad. I hope the House will join me in offering our gratitude to the Almighty for saving a most valuable life. We shall also pray that Loknayak Sri Jayaprakash Narayanji will recover from his illness and his valuable guidance will be available to the country for many more years to come.

Grant of D. A. to the Government Employees

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Sir, now the Finance Minister will make a statement regarding D.A. to Government Employees.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Not now. Let him make it tomorrow.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—They are anxiously waiting for it. After all, the news is not bad. So, he can make a statement. I request that permission may be given to him to make a statement.

Then, Sir, whatever we had spoken before adjournment may not go on record.

MR. SPEAKER.—Yes.

SRI H.D. DEVE GOWDA.—If it is expunged and the Chair gives a ruling that it should not be published, then the Press will not publish it.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—It should not be published. That is not correct also.

SRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA.—We may appeal to the Press People not to publish it.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—We are correcting the records. No question of expunction will arise.